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ABSTRACT

This book covers U.S. history from the French and Indian War to the Constitutional Convention. The story of the United States is told in a form that is conversational and easily understandable to children. The book is divided into 41 brief chapters and an additional 5 features. A chronology of events, list of additional reading, picture credits, and an index conclude the book. Among the topics highlighted are freedom of the press, wars among the European powers for control of land in the Americas, the loyalty of the native Americans and the slave, sugar, and plantation trade. Individuals focused on include American Indians, women, and military leaders. The politics and propaganda of Colonial dissatisfaction and the Revolution are discussed. Historically well known events such as the Boston Massacre, and Paul Revere's ride are included. The waging of the war in different areas of the country is described. Chapter 22 focuses on the role of women and children in the American Revolution. The establishment of the states and the writing of their constitutions is included. The Revolutionary War is detailed from the soldiers who made up the fighting forces, to the battles, to the experiences of the populace. The final chapters are devoted to the writing of the Constitution, ideas of democracy, civil rights, and liberty, and the personalities of those who took part in the debate and writing of the Constitution, and the formation of the United States. (DK)

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